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Dear Mrs. Faith:

The President has asked me to reply to your letter of October 12, concerning your father Epifanio Mendez Fleitas, and your brother Epifanio Mendez, who were arrested in Argentina.

The White House, the Department of State, and our Embassies in Buenos Aires and Asuncion have all been advised of your father's and brother's arrest and we intend to follow closely any developments that would affect your family members.

Our Embassies in Buenos Aires and Asuncion have raised the question of your concern about the possibility of extradition from Argentina to Paraguay with the respective governments. Both countries denied that your father and brother would be extradited.

We will, of course, keep you informed should we learn anything new.

Sincerely,

Landon Kite

Mrs. Teresa M. Faith

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